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EA FOR ASST SECRETARY HABIB

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EST MY

SUBJ: MUNITIONS CONTROL LICENSE FOR POLICE EQUIPMENT

REF: (A) 75 KUALA LUMPUR 2376, (B) 75 STATE 95581, (C) 75 KUALA LUMPUR 2044

1. THE MALAYSIAN GOVT HAS SENT THE EMBASSY A DIPLOMATIC NOTE DATED FEBRUARY 21, 1976, IN WHICH IT REQUESTS THAT RECONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO REFUSAL BY THE MUNITIONS CONTROL BOARD TO LICENSE EXPORT OF 30 9 MM. INGRAM SUBMACHINE GUNS AND 27 7.62 M. COUNTER-SNIPER RIFLES FOR USE BY THE ROYAL MALAYSIAN POLICE. ALL THE GUNS ARE TO BE EQUIPPED WITH SUPPRESSORS (SILENCERS). DETAILS OF THE COMMERCIAL ASPECTS OF THE TRANSACTION WERE CONVEYED IN REF C WHILE AN EXPLANATION OF THEIR END-USE BY A NEWLY ESTABLISHED COUNTER-TERRORIST UNIT OF THE RMP WAS CONVEYED IN REF A. FROM THE QUESTIONS RAISED IN REF B AND SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION THE EMBASSY PRESUMES THAT THE MCB'S REFUSAL WAS BASED ON THE FACT THE WEAPONS WERE TO BE EQUIPPED WITH SILENCERS.

2. THE EMBASSY URGES RECONSIDERATION OF THIS MATTER BY THE DEPT AND REQUESTS THAT A FAVORABLE RESPONSE BE GIVEN TO THE GOM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE WOULD  
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LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THE USG IS FURNISHING MILITARY

ASSISTANCE TO THE GOM ON A STATE-TO-STATE BASIS  
AND THAT IN TALKS WITH ASST SECRETARY HABIB AND OTHER  
USG REPRESENTATIVES THE GOM HAS BEEN ASSURED A  
SYMPATHETIC HEARING FOR REQUESTS OF THIS KIND.  
FURTHERMORE, WEAPONS WITH INTEGRAL SILENCERS ARE  
READILY AVAILABLE FROM EAST EUROPEAN AND OTHER  
SOURCES BUT THE STRONGLY ANTI-COMMUNIST RMP PREFERS  
TO DEAL WITH THE U.S.

3. THE MALAYSIANS ARE EAGER TO ESTABLISH A WELL-  
TRAINED AND WELL-EQUIPPED COUNTER TERRORIST UNIT NOT  
ONLY OUT OF FEAR OR URBAN COMMUNIST TERRORISTS BUT  
BECAUSE THEY HAD DIRECT EXPERIENCE WITH INTERNATIONAL  
TERRORISM WHEN THE JAPANESE RED ARMY OCCUPIED PART  
OF THE U.S. EMBASSY HERE LAST AUGUST. WHILE THIS  
PARTICULAR PURCHASE WAS INITIATED PRIOR TO THE JRA  
INCIDENT, ITS NEED HAS BEEN MADE MORE OBVIOUS BY  
THE RMP EXPERIENCE WITH THE JRA. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN  
OUR CREDIBILITY WITH TTE MALAYSIANS, THEREFORE,& AND  
TO ASSIST THEM IN AVOIDING THE PURCHASE OF EASTERN  
EUROPEAN WEAPONRY THIS APPLICATION SHOULD BE  
RECONSIDERED AND APPROVED.  
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